



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6507

January Session, 2003

AN ACT IMPROVING PHARMACY CARE TO RESIDENTS OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-363a of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (g) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

3 (NEW) (g) The Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation
4 with the pharmacy review panel established in section 17b-362a, shall
5 update and expand by June 30, 2003, and annually thereafter, the list of
6 drugs that are included in the drug return program. Such list shall, at a
7 minimum, include the fifty drugs with the highest average wholesale
8 price that meet the requirements for the program, as established in
9 subsection (a) of this section.

10 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) The Commissioner of Social
11 Services may, within available appropriations, provide reimbursement
12 to pharmacies or pharmacists for services provided to residents in
13 long-term care facilities, in addition to those reimbursements provided
14 in chapter 319v of the general statutes, provided such services improve
15 the quality of care to residents of such facilities and produce cost
16 savings to the state, as determined by the commissioner. Such services
17 may include, but not be limited to, emergency and delivery services
18 provided such services are offered on all medications, including
19 intravenous therapy, twenty-four hours per day and seven days per

20 week.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2003</i>

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

HS *Joint Favorable*